

## **PROCLAMATION**

Tax preparers and Office of State Tax Commissioner employees are dedicated professionals who take seriously the responsibility to improve their services through the effective use of technology. These professionals make every effort to provide taxpayers with efficient access to electronic income tax filing methods and on-line tax services and processes.

The State of North Dakota believes that North Dakota's taxpayers should have access to electronic government services using technological resources to transmit individual income tax returns. As Governor of the State of North Dakota, I support the actions of the Office of State Tax Commissioner to provide excellent customer service to the taxpayers of North Dakota by implementing and expanding the use of technology for the submission of individual tax returns.

The use of technology and electronic filing methods are an effective and efficient use of the State of North Dakota financial and physical resources.

It is important to increase public awareness of electronic filing methods and encourage taxpayers to use electronic filing of individual income tax returns.

During the month of March 2001, the Office of State Tax Commissioner will conduct activities to heighten North Dakota taxpayer awareness of electronic filing opportunities.

For these reasons, I proclaim March, 2001 as

"INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX E-FILE AWARENESS MONTH"

in North Dakota.

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